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FANGS OF KLAN REVEALED IN DEATH-BOUND OATH

Fourfold Pledge of the Ku Klux Exposed to Show Members Bound Only to 'Law' of 'Emperor'

BLOOD-SEALED VOW PUTS KLANSMAN UNDER FEALTY TO ORDER OR WHIM OF 'WIZARD'

Follower of 'Emperor' Swears Not to Reveal Anything Done by Fellow White Robes Except Treason or Two Other Inexcusable Crimes

BONDAGE OF 'UNWRITTEN LAWS' MUST BE ACCEPTED TO JOIN BROTHERHOOD

Colonel' Simmons Also Cannily Obligates His Followers to Defray All Expenses of His Mystic Organization When Kleagles Whistle or Groan for Cash

EXAMINATION of the four-fold oath of the Ku Klux Klan shows the fangs of this secret, "Emperor"-ruled order, which is reviving the traditions of masked terrorism. The oath, with its threats of death and dishonor for a violator, is

given in full today. The first section binds the Klansman to unquestioning obedience to William Joseph Simmons, the "Emperor."

The second obligates to rigid secrecy. The third section requires fidelity in fostering "every interest" of

The fourth binds to "Klanishness."

In this amazing screed violation of "this sacred oath," in the eyes of be ruler of the "Invisible Empire," is a crime on a par with murder or with treason to the United States.

In the first stages of the Klan's nation-wide extension the four-fold ath usually was administered one section at a time, the intervals being alled by "mystic cave" assemblies and the marching and counter-marching of booded and gowned "Terrors."

Now that the Kleagles are hurriedly organizing all the candidates snable, the entire oath frequently is administered in one dose. Ameria citizens are thus swearing to it unconditionally at the rate of 5000 a sek, according to Simmons.

The newly made Klansman not only parts with a \$10 "donation" for propagation of Ku Kluxism, but he also obligates himself to meet nds for the expenses of the order.

MANDATES OF "IMPERIAL WIZARD" MADE HIGHEST LAW BY KU KLUX KLAN OATH

THERE is no doubt that Emperor | from the infliction of any cruel or unusual punishment, will be abundantly shown by the Evening Public Hardened "joiners," members of as

many orders as they have fingers, have examined it and found it the "stiffest" obligation they ever had heard of. The first and last of its four sec-

ions are as dangerous matter as could sworn to by a group of American Unconditional obedience to the as yet nknown "constitution and laws, regu-

ations, usages and requirements" of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the "mandates, decrees, edicts, rulags and instructions" ons, is the first obligation solenaly sworn to by the candidate, "in the presence of God and man."

Secrecy Main Obligation Rigid secrecy, even in the face of death, in regard to any and all "matters and knowledge of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," is the second obligation, also assumed by the candidate later any "matters and knowledge" have been intrusted to him.

Fidelity in faithfully fostering "every interest" of the Kulyths of the Kul

The inherent viciousness and poten-tial danger to Americanism of certain portions of the oath are made apparent by inspection. The first section binds a member to interest" of the Knights of the Ku "before God and in the pressee of these mysterious Klansmen. great difficulty in getting n chance to see even after he has been admitted, as many a "Kotop" who reads this knows "Klanishness." to the extent of "Klanishness," to the extent of hesping the secret of a Klansman, with the sole exceptions of secrets concerning the violation of the Klan oath, trason against the United States, rape and malicious murder, and to the extent of using any and all "justifiable means and methods" to preserve "free public schools, free speech, free press, sparation of church and State, liberty, white supremacy, just laws and the pursuit of happiness" against any enmany a "Kotop" who reads this knows of from his own experience; and it further binds him to obey any Ku Ktux laws that may be engeted in the future, whether he approves of them or not. A man who takes this obligation and keeps it gives "Emperor" Simmons a blank check on his life and his entire

persuit of happiness' against any en-reachment of 'any nature' by any person or persons, political party or sriles, religious sect or people, native, attralized or foreign of any race, color, creed, lineage or tongue, what-

"All to which have sworn with this with I will seal with my blood, be Thou witness, Almighty God. Amen'!"

Use "Loyalty" as Cloak this fourth section the candidate this fourth section the candidate Kluxism is rigid—any slightest deviation from absolute personal obedience and States and any State where he and loyalty to Emperor Simmons is a teside, and the Klan organizers much capital of that fact. But considering their patriotic profestas it should be borne in mind that mbers of the original Ku Klux Klan took an oath, as appears in the few when same are due or called for."

I swear, says another section. "that I will pay promptly all just and legal demands made upon me to defray the expenses of my Klan and this Order when same are due or called for." how much weight was attached Wizard.

the original bands which made "Ku lading" and "White capping" samy mous words in America to this of for describing masked violence and nymous terrorism is shown by the intess recorded cases of what hapwhen they deemed it necessary put the fear of God" into a carpet-And how much weight their modern nearporated imitators attach to the case document, with its bill of rights stanteeing every person within the sadaries of this country against art or interference with liberty except warrant duly issued an sworn plaint, and assuring trial by jury are an impartial tribunal, and safety

sweeping declaration that every interest of the order must be paramount to other considerations. "Emperor" Demands Fealty In rigid interpretation-and

Danger Always Present

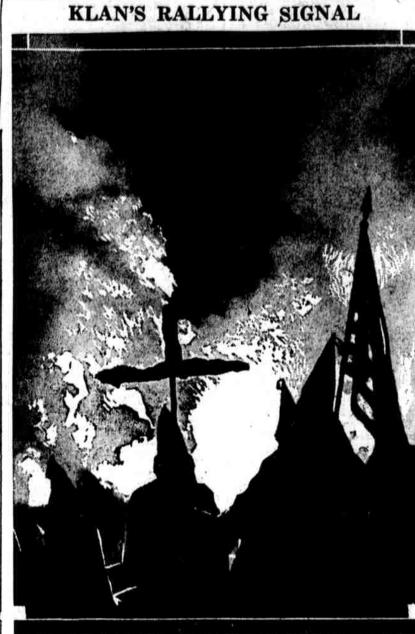
violation of the oath. "I swear," says another section

"Kick in, boys!" says the Imperial Wizard. "We need some money. If you don't pay you are violating your oath to our noble order, and any violation means 'disgrace, death, as we told you when you were 'dedicated.''

'I swear that I will keep secure to

myself the secret of a Klansman when same is committed to me in the sacre bond of Klansmanship-the crime of violating THIS solemn oath, treason against the United States of America. rape and malicious murder alone ex-

This clause demands careful think-



The "flery cross" of the Ku Klux Klan is the rallying signal when the brotherhood is called together for its secret meetings or "excursions." Many victims of outrages perpetrated by white-robed "regulators" saw this smoking, flaring symbol as their persecutors applied the lash or

low Connell Out of Pen-

rose Camp

Three more leaders who had been

many years a Fortieth Ward leader; Harry Mace, member of the Board of Road Viewers, and William Walsh, a

member of the Board of Registration

tenants of Councilman George Connell.

The three are all Fortieth Ward lieu-

The expectation was that Beaston,

Mace and Walsh would follow Connell

serted the Mayor for good and took up

accession to the Voters' League ticket

was expected to result in Beaston, Mace

and Walsh going over to the league

During the Moore campaign the three

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 17 .- A

resolution denunciatory of the Ku

Klux Klan was adopted today by

the American Legion convention

after fervent pleas by its sponsor,

T. Hubert McCauley, of Newark,

and Edward Carroll, of Jersey City.

there was an uproar on the floor.

After the oral fireworks had sub-

sided McCauley delivered his speech

in moving adoption, and was followed by an eloquent second from

Carroll, who called the Klux "a damnable organization." On the

vote a unanimous storm of ayes

David W. Jameson Post. No. 183.

American Legion, has instructed its

delegates to the Pittsburgh conven-

"Inasmuch as the Ku Klux

Klan as exposed in the EVENINO

PUBLIC LEDGER seems to be un-

American, in that it demands

swearing allegiance to some other

power than these United States of

America and in other manners as

shown in that newspaper and con-

trary to the ideals of the American

Legion, that this matter be brought

to the attention of the Department of Pennsylvania, American Legion,

in cantonment assembled."

supported it.

tion, as follows :

No sooner had it been read than

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Denounces Ku Klux

who have now deserted to the Vares

N. J. American Legion

'Fifty-fifty Combine."

Bishop Berry Joins State Ex- Beaston, Mace and Walsh Folecutive in Scoring Methods of White-Robed "Regulators"

LEGION FOR LEGAL ACTION SURPRISE TO MOORE MEN

The extreme danger of such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was counted on as supporters of the Voters' pointed out today by Governor Sproul. He expressed surprise that a body Vares today, according to announcegain any headway in these days of enlightenment.

LEDGER.

Immediately after this article it will present the long list of anonymous warnings, forcible abductions, tarrings and featherings, lashings, mutilations and other outrages and violations of constitutional rights and privileges which have been occurring in this free country within the last few months, while Ku Kluxism, Inc., has been boasting of the rush of "PURE Americanism" to seek its levels. He said there was no excuse for such an organization, which, he declared, is

In presenting a critical analysis of the obligation already assumed by 500,000 Americans, the EVENING PUBLIO LEDGER has always in mind the potential danger to the United States from a secret organization bound together by such an oath, under the absolute domination of one man and likely at any time to draw into its ranks men of no regard for anything but the Ku contrary to everything American. "I have been reading the accounts of the Ku Klux Klan in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER," he said, "and was surprised to learn what the Klan's dent of the recently formed Leaders purposes are. There is, of course, no necessity for such a body in the United to back up the Moore Administration States. Its existence is to be deplored.

ates. Its existence is to be deplored. "Secret organizations which seek to of no regard for anything but the Ku Klux law and standards of conduct and regulate the action of the people in such a manner are in conflict with the constituted authorities. The Constitu-tion of the United States has provided ample safeguards for all its citizens. Such an organization as that decribed in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER is undemocratic and dangerous. I was

unconditional obedience to a constitution surprised and laws he has never seen and finds headway. surprised to hear of it gaining so much Bishop Joseph F. Berry, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this

city, said:
"How any one who is not either ignorant or victous can be associated with such a movement as the Ku Klux Klan is more than I can understand

he liberty of thought and action.

Under the second section in the first clause is found a promise to "diligional gently guard and faithfully foster every interest" of the Klan, and "maintain pledge, in view of the facts that are now coming out, is nothing less than sweeping declaration. secured by loyalty to constituted au-

"If what I am told about certain other ecclesiastical and political or-ganizations which have large memberships in this country is true, then I would place them in the same category as the Ku Klux Klan."

Organized labor in Philadelphia is

lined up solidly against the Ku Klux The warning by Matthew Woll, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, concerning the Klan found a ready and whole-hearted reiteration

from labor leaders here.
Mr. Woll declared Ku Kluxism "a menace to American freedom." He pointed out that trade unions stand for menace to American freedom." democracy, while the Klan "stands for a sneaking, cowardly autocracy, working in the dark, striking under cover.

Continued on Page Six, Column Five Snow Bank is Tourist's Grave Fort Collins, Col., Sept. 17.—(By A. P.)—Gregory Aubuchon, eighteen, missing tourist of Michigantown, Ind.,

found a grave in a midsummer snow bank at the bese of a 2000-foot cliff This clause demands careful think- of Long's Peak. Rocky Mountain Nating over, particularly by well-meaning tional Park. His body was found yes-Continued on Page Six, Column Two terday by forest rangers after rain and melted the snow which Olidas-The World's Best Lubricant.-- Adv. his body.

CAUGHT IN CANADA

George Dobson, Runnemede Highlands, N. J., Nabbed by Sleuth in Ontario

NOW IN DETROIT JAIL: NO TRACE OF 2 CHILDREN

Detective Doran's Wire Reporting Dobson Caught

"South Woodsley, Ontario-Dob-son in custody. Night letter will follow. Doran."

That was the brief message Prosecutor Wolverton received this morning announcing that a chase covering many hundreds of miles was ended and George Dobson, suspected murderer of his wife, Isabella, in Runnemede Highlands, September 8, was ended and a much-wanted man was under ar-

George Dobson, wanted for the murder of his wife, Isabella, in Runnemede Highlands, N. J., September 9, is

He was caught in Canada after a chase through Western Ontario which covered hundreds of miles by Lawrence T. Doran, a detective attached to the County Prosecutor's office in

Doran has returned to Canada to get the two children—the niece of the dead woman and Dobson's son—whom the supposed slayer took with him.

Doran lodged Dobson in the jail at
Detroit police headquarters last night,

and will proceed to Camden with him without delay.

The chief of police at Detroit, talking on the telephone this morning, was unable to cast much light on the case.

Prisoner Sullen

"Dobson is here," he said. "The New Jersey detective brought him in last night, and we locked him up for him. The man'is sullen, but seems will-ing enough to accompany the officer back to Camden. Not being our prisoner, we have not attempted to question him, but it is only natural that some of our men have tried to talk to him. He refuses to discuss the murder or the chase that resulted in his arrest. "I cannot tell you where Doran is

He merely asked the courtesy of the use of our lock-up, which we, of course, granted him. He did not mention what hotel he was stopping at. He merely left Dobson and said he would call for him some time Sunday."

When Doran comes home there is no doubt the tale of the chase will

counted on as supporters of the Voters' be an epic as interesting as the stories League at the primary deserted to the of similar pursuits that have reached to the far corners of the earth. Dobwith such views and purposes could ment made with great joy by the son's trail was followed without ostenson's trail was followed without ostendid example of the type of police work The three are Harry Beaston, for that has made "Jersey Justice" famous.

Nabbed at Brother-in-Law's Home Shortly after Mrs. Dobson was found brutally beaten to death search of the Runnemede bungalow disclosed the fact that Dobson had relatives in South Continued on Page Four. Column One

WARNED BY TROLLEY CREW. ELEVEN ESCAPE FLAMES

into the Penrose camp. When Richard Weglein, president of Council, and leader of the Twenty-ninth Ward, de-When Richard North Seventh Street Family of Nine and Visitors Flee

Samuel Mostovoy, a grocer at 1400 North Seventh street, his wife and seven with the Vares in spite of Senator Penrose's orders, he was followed by all the leaders of his ward. Connell's with them, escaped from their smokefilled dwelling over the store at 1 o'clock this morning, after they had been awakened by the crew of a passing trolley

car.

The fire originated in the sugar bin of the grocery store. The trolley crew, whose names were not learned, saw the glare of the fire through the store win-

At first it seemed impossible to arouse the sleeping people. With the aid of a neighbor, Harry Kandus, the crew proceeded to break into the store, to go upstairs and rescue the sleeping people, if necessary. The crash of glass

people, if necessary. The crash of glass as the front door was burst in aroused Mostovoy and his family.

The house was full of smoke, but with the aid of the car crew and neighbors the eleven persons in the house groped their way down to the street and

escaped without mishap.

Mostovey and two of his sons, Morris, twenty-five years old, and Martin, twenty years old, got buckets and with the aid of their neighbor Kandus put the fire out before the enginearrived. The damage was trifling.

STAGE CAREER BLIGHTED

Violet Doris, sixteen, 900 Moyamen-sing avenue, ended a brief two-week stage career when a Philadelphia de-tective went to her theatrical boarding

house in Baltimore and told her he had been sent by her parents. She arrives

She is the third oldest girl in a family of ten children, four boys and six gols. She lived with her father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Doris, until she joined a musical show. August 27. Her mother allowed her to join a musical comedy company, but when it left the city, wanted her to come home, and notified the police.

Woman Burned to Death As Family Sleeps Nearby

Husband Wakes in Time to Carry Children From North Howard Street Home. Injured Trying to Aid Wife

and three little children slept in a room her death before she collapsed. within a few feet of her, unaware of

undressed and went upstairs to sleep in the front room. I went to bed in the back room with the children and

got to sleep right off.
"Next, I knew the children were crying, and I smelled smoke. I went to the door, which was locked, and opened the dazed the lit it. Flames and smoke came out and burned me. I heard nothing from the dences of the tragedy.

room. I ran and got the children and Inside the house, Mary, nine years

blaze, which was triffing in itself, they | body.

Mrs. Michael Gumenok, 507 North Howard street, was burned to death dearly this morning while her husband and three little children clerk in a room.

the tragedy until too late to do anything but save themselves from the flames.

Michael Gumenok seated in the kitchen of the home, holding the hand of his daughter Anna, eight years old, told the tale of the tragedy this morning.

How the blaze started is hard to determine, but the theory is that a small oil lamp, which was the only illumination in the room, overturned in the night and started the bed burning. The woman must have been awakened by the death-dealing flames. How the blaze started is hard to de

ing.

"Anna, my wife, and I were at a party over at Peter Dychuckmz's last night and came home about 11 or 12.
I had had a little too much, and Anna Catherine, seven years old, another of the daughters, was sweeping similar the daughters, was sweeping similar litter out the door. It is probable that the bits of bedding on the ground floor had dropped from the body of her mothern when the firemen carried it from the house. With the stolidity of the dazed the little girl was mechanically brushing away these grim evi-

took them to the street. Then I went old, the third daughter, watched her back. The flames were worse and father as he laboriously told the story burned me more; then the firemen came of the tragedy through the bandages and took me downstairs. Then I was that swathed his face. In his attempts in the Roosevelt Hospital with doctors to save the mother of his children the bandaging me. When the firemen extinguished the head and all down the right side of his

CORSON DEFEATS BROWN ON LINKS

Philip Corson, Plymouth, defeated John Arthur Brown, Philadelphia C. C., 1 up, 19 holes in the St. Martin's cup golf semi-final. Corson met Norman Maxwell in the final this afternoon.

ITALIANS LEAD IN U. S. NATURALIZATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .- Nationals of Italy took the lead last month in obtaining naturalization as American citizens, a position held for many months by Germans, according to figures made public today by the Department of Labor. Total certificates of naturalization issued in August were 16,481, of which 1029 were obtained by Italians as against 825 by Germans.

BOY, 10, WHIPPED BY PARENTS, TRIES SUICIDE

Peter Wancuski, ten years old. Ontario and Beach streets. was restrained in the act of attempting suicide by jumping into the Delaware at the Ontario street wharf this afternoon. The bow said he wanted to kill himself because his mother and father had beaten him with a rubber hose. Detectives found his back covered with welts. They turned the boy over to the Society to protect Children from Cruelty. The parents had accused him. unjustly, he said, of taking \$2 from his mother.

NORWEGIAN SHIP AFIRE; PUTS BACK TO PORT

SAVANNAH, GA., Sept. 17 .- The Norwegian steamer Bjorstjerne Bjornson, 3200 tons, which cleared this port last night for Hamburg, put back today on account of a fire which is reported to have badly damaged the vessel.

ARBUCKLE TO FACE ODDS FAVOR TILDEN **COURT AGAIN TODAY** TO RETAIN CROWN

Actor Will Appear on Man- Champion Slight Favorite Over slaughter Charge While Murder Accusation Is Pressed

San Francisco, Sept. 17.-Roscoe Arbuckle was cast today for a new ourt scene in the tragedy of Virginia and Wallace Johnson, of Philadelphia, Rappe, motion-picture actress, who are all set to play for the singles ten-

Rappe, motion-picture actress, who died, according to accurees of Arbuckle, following a drinking orget in the actor's apartment in a San Francisco hotel and as a result of mistreatment by her host.

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 17.—(By A. P.)—John K. Lytle, nine years old, died in a hospital in this city early this morning of injuries received when struck by the automobile of W. P.

Philadelphia Girl Brought Home by in Superior Court upon an indictment charging manslaughter, returned by the county Grand Jury. But this arraignment is mere formality, it was saidmand manuslaughter case until action has been many supporters. A c taken on the charges of first-degree pected if it is played. been sent by ner particular both this morning.

"I sure am sorry my theatrical career is blighted," the girl said, when she reached the police station, "and all because my oldest sister is going to be married and leave home. I was just beginning to like life on the stage, too."

The District Attorney had announced the murder charge will be pushed and it will be left up to a jury to decide the tourney. Nobody picked him to reach the final round, and his survival is a surprise to the gallery. He loomed first degree murder, second degree murder, s

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Wallace Johnson in Tennis Title Tilt Today

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL William T. Tilden, of Philadelphia,

two hours before the match, but the officials announced that the match would be played unless the downpour.

Struck by the automobile of W. P. Starkey, 1720 North Front street, Harrisburg.

The boy was playing ball on the Linwould be played unless the downpour became too severe. Tilden is favored to win the match

District Attorney Matthew Brady was and is the odds on choice of the wager-scheduled to ask a continuance of the many supporters. A close match is ex-

in In case of postponement the match will be layed on Monday.

Johnson has been the dark horse of

acquittal. Thre was also one other are that he had a good chance against James ternative, which was that if the Police Court at the preliminary examination of Arbuckle failed to hold the comedian to answer to the Superior Court on a charge of murder the State then would be forced to so to trial with the many to be forced to so to trial with the many to be found a money these every in the sound to be found a money these every in the sound to be found a money these every in the sound to be found a money these every in the sound to be found a money these every in the sound to the sound to be found a money these every in the sound to the

be forced to go to trial with the man-be forced to go to trial with the man-to be found among those present in a tourney when the play gets down Continued on Page Four. Column Thre

DE VALERA'S TERMS BAR CONFERENCE, PREMIER DECLARES

Impossible to Hold Parley Under Conditions Recognizing Severance, Says Lloyd George

PRIME MINISTER QUICKLY ANSWERS IRISH LEADER

By the Associated Press

London, Sept. 17 .- Prime Minister Lloyd George, replying today to the communication of Eamon de Valera yesterday, says that to receive the Sinn Fein delegates to the proposed conference as representatives of an independent and sovereign State would "constitute formal and official recognition of Ireland's severance from the King's domains.

Lloyd George says that so long as De Valera insists that the Irish delegates should confer as the representatives of an independent and sovereign State a conference is impossible.

Sinn Fein acceptance of membership in the British Commonwealth as the basis of negotiations with Prime Minister Lloyd George is seen as the only way out of the present Irish situation and deadlock by London newspapers. The Daily Chronicle today said ac-

ceptance by the Irish Republicans would mean that peace was in sight, the newspaper adding that "until the Sinn Fein does accept peace is unattainable." "There is satisfactory evidence in both English and Irish newspapers."

declared the Daily News, "that the ri-diculous dispute which brought about a temporary abandonment of the Inverness conference is not likely to have any very serious or permanent effects."

The Daily Express asserted that "juggling with a phrase" led to the deadlock, but said there was little doubt since receiving De Valera's latest let-ter the Prime Minister would "find and his friends."

The situation assumes a more hopeful appearance since De Valera in his telegram yesterday seemed to place a lifferent construction on his own words, in the opinion of the London Times.

Gairloch, Scotland, Sept. 17 .- (By A. P.) - The receipt by Prime Minister Lloyd George of Eamon de Valera's te'egram of yesterday, in which the Irish leader expressed the view that the peace negotiators should meet untrammeled by any conditions "except those imposed by the facts as they know them," is considered to have brought about a change in the situa-

Lloyd George passed a good night at his vacation home here and was very much better this morning, the dentist called to Gairloch having lanced the abcess which caused his indisposition.
The date of his return to London, however, has not yet been fixed, and the next meeting of the Cabinet—whether it meets in London or Inverness de-pends upon the rate of his progress.

Dublin, Sept. 17.—(By A. P.)— Eamon de Valera's telegram, sent yesterday to Prime Minister Lloyd George, was today declared by the Freeman's Journal to make it more evident that the Prime Minister had been "too hasty in his conclusion that the Sinn Fein letter conveying details of the Irish acceptance of his invitation to a confer-ence implies a demand for recognition in advance of the Irish Republic."

The newspaper asserted one encouraging fact was made clear by the cor-respondence, and that was that "both the British Government and the Irish leaders desire an honorable peace, and that the peoples of both countries are overwhelmingly with them in this comnon desire.

ost would be a hideous blunder and a crime against civilization." the news-paper continued. "We are expressing paper continued. "We are expressing the unanimous wish of the Irish people when we assert a method should be found to resolve the deadlock without threat or force, and that the conference should proceed untrammeled by differences that will almost certainly disappear on the day the conference. disappear on the day the conference

In official quarters here the most favorable construction is placed on De Valera's telegram. The impression Continued on Page Four, Column Four

BOY KILLED BY AUTO

Struck While Playing Ball on Highway Near His Home

coin highway, near his home in Gap. Friday afternoon, and failed to notice the approach of Mr. Starkey's car, was running slowly. He was struck and his left leg and skull were fractured. Mr. Starkey assisted the

> Who Won the Prizes

in the Public Ledger's Contest by best answering the question, "What Woman in History Would You Wish to Have Been?"

Read tomorrow's

Sunday Public Ledger and find out all about them and don't fail to read the prize-winning setters themselves.